

WESTCHESTER CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
1409 Westmoreland Avenue  
Charleston, South Carolina 29422

April 7, 1991

Honorable Joseph P. Riley, Jr.  
Mayor, City of Charleston  
Post Office Box 652  
Charleston, South Carolina 29402

Dear Mayor Riley:

This letter is in reference to a request we made several years ago pertaining to sidewalk installation on Secessionville Road. At that time we asked for assistance in getting sidewalks installed on Secessionville Road beginning at Fort Johnson Road and ending in the vicinity of Sea Side Plantation. Again, we are renewing that request.

Since our original request, the Westchester Park and Playground has been established and the surrounding communities of Stonerfield and Sea Side Plantation have commenced development increasing the traffic flow thereby adding to the potential safety hazard of pedestrians using Secessionville Road.

Secessionville Road has also become a major secondary road for through traffic going to and from Folly Beach and to the Westside of the Island by other James Island residents thus adding to the traffic generated by the surrounding communities of Westchester, Stonefield and Sea Side Plantation.

We are asking your assistance and support in getting the sidewalks installed along Secessionville Road before a child or adult going back and forth to the Westchester playground or community center is injured or killed. This danger will intensify as full utilization of the playground is realized during the forthcoming school vacation months and as developing sub-divisions aforementioned continue impacting existing vehicular traffic. At present, all pedestrians must walk on the narrow roadway with vehicular traffic including automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, vehicles towing pleasure boats as well as massive construction trucks and associated contractor equipment. This situation is fraught with danger.

The Westchester Sub-division thanks you in advance for any assistance that is provided to this community as well as to other communities and residences in this area who use the Westchester Park, playground and community center all of which are excellent facilities developed by the City of Charleston.

Sincerely,

Thomas Johnson,  
President

P.S.: Secessionville Road is served by SCE&G passenger buses throughout each day. Passengers going to and from bus stops are at serious risk particularly since heavy construction trucks and equipment are doing significant damage to the paved roadway.